Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class James A. Poppen's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and nation; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and nation; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Poppen has devoted more than 25 years of his life to the service of this state and country in Engineer, Transportation and Personnel fields; to include his deployment with the 109th Engineer Battalion to Iraq during operation Iraqi Freedom, his efforts to stand up the newly-formed 881st Troop Command and his customer service to the Soldiers of the South Dakota National Guard; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this nation; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Poppen continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class James A. Poppen for more than 25 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and nation:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2011, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JAMES A. POPPEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State